

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-24 are pending. Claims 2 and 3 are allowed, and claims 1 and 4-24 stand rejected. Claim 1 is cancelled by the present Amendment, and claim 4 is amended. Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims.

As claims 2 and 3 are allowed, and as claims 4-24 now depend variously from either claim 2 or claim 3, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims (claims 2-24) are now in condition for allowance. Applicants thus request that the above-referenced application be passed to issue at an early date.

If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (650) 326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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